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Application of: **P. MARRACCINI et al.**

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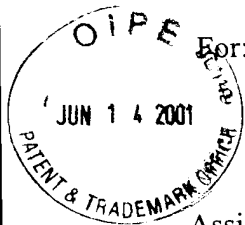
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AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256) of WINSTON & STRAWN (Customer No. 28765) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all correspondence for this application to Customer No. 28765 to the attention of Allan A. Fanucci (telephone (212) 294-3311, facsimile (212) 294 4700).

An assignment of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application is submitted herewith for recording. The undersigned has reviewed this assignment and, to the best of his knowledge, title is in the assignee seeking to take action in this application and that he is empowered to act on its behalf.

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